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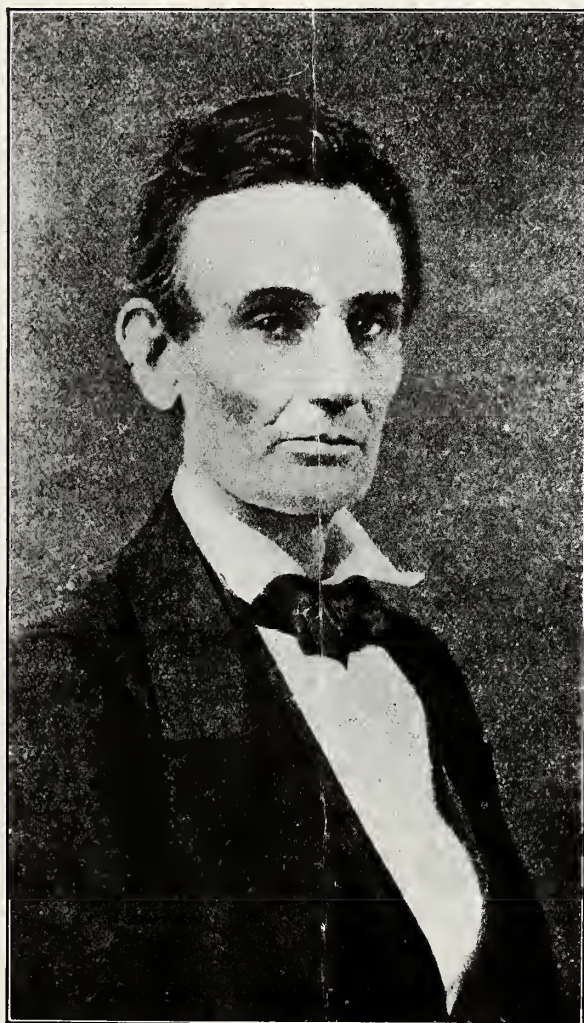
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Old Salem Chautauqua Association,
PETERSBURG, ILLINOIS

(At The Early Home of Abraham Lincoln.)

Incorporated and Established 1898. Reorganized 1917



---POOR MAN'S COLLEGE---

Open Forum for Advancement of Religion, Literature and Art
Roosevelt on Chautauqua---"The Most American Thing in America"

Old Salem Chautauqua Association

(INCORPORATED)

AT THE EARLY HOME OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

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ATTRACTIONS

Church Conferences, Annual Assembly, Athletics, Swimming, beach open from June 1st to September 1st.

The attractions in 1924 at Old Salem consisted of the following special features: Third Annual Presbyterian Young Peoples' Conference, June 25 to July 1; Moody Bible Institute Conference, July 6 to July 13; Second Annual Methodist Protestant Young Peoples' Conference, July 14 to July 21; Old Salem Annual Assembly, August 7 to August 22. In addition thereto, Sunday Schools, Churches, public schools, lodges, clubs and neighborhoods, held picnics. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts held camps.

Old Salem Chautauqua Park is open all summer and all the attractions are of a high, uplift order. It will be observed that the spiritual, moral and physical needs of the individual patron are equally cared for.



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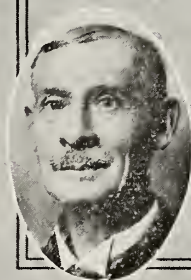
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AN INSTITUTION OF MORE THAN LOCAL IMPORTANCE

This pamphlet will give you an idea of what we are trying to do. If after reading it, you desire further information, please ask for it and we will gladly answer your questions.

Old Salem Chautauqua Association has been an institution of inestimable value to citizens of central Illinois in that it has furnished expressions from its platform of the best thought of the world. But it is not locally only that Old Salem has been of service. Old Salem Chautauqua Association brought about the purchase of the New Salem site and contiguous property by Honorable William Randolph Hearst and out of the transaction New Salem has become a State Park. In this way Old Salem Chautauqua Association is furnishing object lessons in citizenship to the whole world for tourists from the uttermost parts of the earth visit this shrine. And interest is annually growing. Lessons taught by this silent village are never forgotten. Tourists need Old Salem Chautauqua Park for it furnishes a camping place for them so that they may pause and leisurely take in the State Park.

The local folk are raising \$20,000.00 of the fund desired for the perpetuation of Old Salem Chautauqua Association; it is hoped that at least \$20,000.00 may be raised by gifts from non-resident well-to-do people who have the spirit of benevolence generally and a special feeling for the memory of Lincoln.

Opportunities for getting out from under the labors of keeping Old Salem Chautauqua as an uplift institution have been presented and are available but that would mean the dropping of its activities as an educational institution to one of material amusements only. So you see what confronts us. Petersburg is a city of less than 2500 people; this county (Menard) has less than twelve thousand inhabitants. Our county is not poverty stricken but has been hard hit by the depression in business. Agriculture is almost the whole material interest of our people. We have some wealthy citizens but we have no outstanding wealthy man from whom we may expect a large gift. The \$20,000.00 we are raising here at home will be given with more or less sacrifice by most of the givers.

May we not have your subscription to help us?

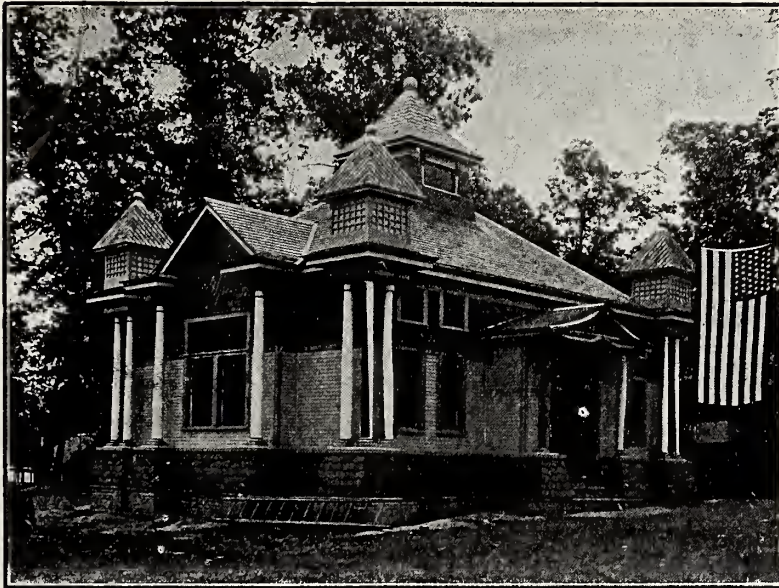
THE PARK

Old Salem Chautauqua Park is located two miles southeast of Petersburg, Illinois, and, as a crow flies, about a half-mile northeast (across the river) from Old Salem State Park. This Park contains about sixty acres of wooded land, perfectly drained. About one eighth of it's area, the athletic grounds, is open; the balance is part forest trees and part is a hard maple grove. The Ike Walton Lake, in the Park, covers about ten acres.

The Association Buildings consist of the Auditorium, with a seating capacity of 5000 people, the Administration Building, the Hotel, Lincoln Memorial Hall, Jenison Hall, the Bath House, Brownell Hall, Store building, Refreshment Pavillion, Railroad Depot, and eight furnished cottages.

Privately owned cottages in the Park number about ninety five.

Old Salem is, without doubt, one of the most beautiful Chautauqua Parks in the country.



LINCOLN MEMORIAL BUILDING

OLD SALEM HISTORY

Old Salem Chautauqua was organized in memory of Abraham Lincoln. The first few years, the patronage was such as to justify the erection of large Association buildings. The annual assemblies brought a large number of patrons. Then, with the coming of numerous chautauquas and summer Lyceum courses in the villages and towns, Old Salem's patronage fell off until, in 1917, a re-organization was necessary.

The new organization has conducted an annual assembly each year and in addition thereto has developed the Park into a place of summer homes and church conferences.

The addition of the lake made the added features possible and the Assemblies have grown until the income from these various sources more than meets the current expenses, but does not extend to taking care of depreciation or the necessary and very great need, of permanent improvements.

Old Salem has played a very important part in religious and patriotic work and its influence has really been world-wide, for it was instrumental in procuring Old Salem State Park.

Old Salem has always been an uplift institution. Amusement companies have seen great opportunities in it, but the management has tenaciously held on to it, to keep it on a high re-



OLD SALEM HOTEL

ligious, patriotic and educational plane. It has been proposed to perpetuate it so that it may remain an institution for the highest good—a poor man's college.

The proposition is, to raise \$40,000.00; \$12,000.00 to pay off the indebtedness; \$8000.00 for permanent improvements, and \$20,000.00 as an endowment. This sum will insure Old Salem against material commercialism. It will enable Old Salem to continue to properly reflect to the world the spirit of Lincoln.

The object of this pamphlet is to induce persons of means, who in addition to material wealth, have the heart and mind to help in all good things, to take part in this enterprise and assist in the perpetuation of this worthy institution.

Old Salem pleads for your help.

Respectfully submitted—

G. E. Nelson, Chairman

Charles C. Frackelton

Harry J. Aden

Fred T. Jurgens

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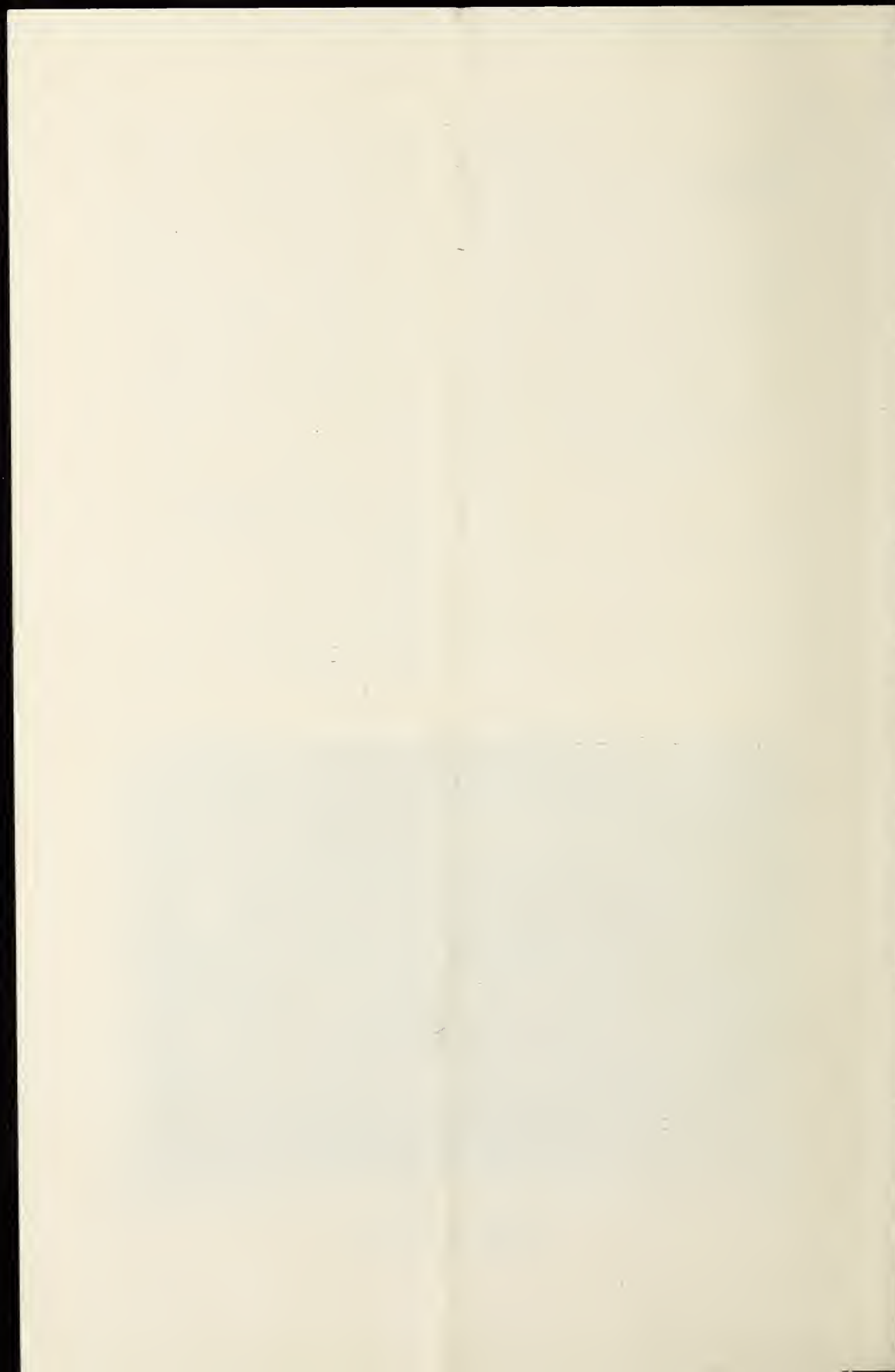
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Committee.



SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS GIRL SCOUTS IN CAMP AT OLD
SALEM, JUNE 1924





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Sept., 5, 1930.

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Lincoln National Life,
Ft. Wayne, Ind.,

Dear Sirs:

I enclose a sketch of Abraham Lincoln at Salem, Ills., a description and snap shot of some mementoes of him at the turning point in his life.

Salem, Ills., was the Rubicon for Lincoln and when his ambition was aroused by Henry onstott and Bowling Green led on to his magnificent fullfillment.

A collector has sold a miscellaneous lot of Lincoln souvenirs, campaign badges &c, &c, &c, for \$50,000.00.

These mementoes are much more valuable as they had an important part at that critical period.

I am offering them for sale for \$20,000.00 to secure money to support this old lady in modest comfort.

I am negotiating with several millionaires now.

They are wonderful mementoes for your company and I know that you would treasure and guard them for posterity.

Kindly let me hear from you.

Yours Truly,

E. T. S. Mason

LINCOLN AT SALEM, ILL.

Lincoln came back to Salem, Ills., about 1831 having taken a flat boat to New Orleans and brought back the proceeds to the owner of the boat and cargo.

Nancy Hanks Lincoln and his step mother instilled integrity into his character, but he was a rough powerful giant proficient in rail splitting, foot racing, wrestling and fighting if attacked.

At Salem he was taken in by two men, Bowling Green and Henry Onstott, who changed his aim in life from being the best man in a fight or foot race to the best man possible mentally, morally and in efficiency.

Some drunken roughs wrecked a store and Lincoln & Berry bot the remains, giving notes which Lincoln paid.

The store failed and Lincoln was offered the job as surveyor if he could qualify.

He learned it in three months thru help of Henry Onstott.

He was one of the family and lived with the Onstott's most of the time while in Salem.

Bowling Green the Justice of the Peace loaned him all of his law books and Lincoln studied law in the Henry Onstott Cooper Shop lying on the floor in front of the fire place.

He became a lawyer, elected to the legislature three times and on to the White House.

Henry Onstott and Wife and Bowling Green changed Lincoln's aim in life and put his feet on the right path.

Henry Onstott's grand daughter has some Lincoln remenotoes of his life in Salem which she wants some society or collector to get and preserve for posterity.

She has the FIRE TONGS with which Lincoln cared for the fire in the Onstott Cooper shop when studying law before that fire place.

She has the HATCHET with which Lincoln cut and drove stakes while surveying.

She has the SMALL TRUNK in which Mrs. Onstott put his sox and shirts after washing and mending them.

She has the FOUR POST BED (damaged some) WASH STAND, CLOCK, CANDLE STICK, FAVORITE CHAIR all used by Lincoln in the Onstott home.

She has CLOCK SHELF; and PECK MEASURE made by Lincoln in the cooper shop and used in his store.

She has CEDAR SUGAR BOX, PAPER 10 CENT and COPPER 2 CENT piece from Lincoln's store.

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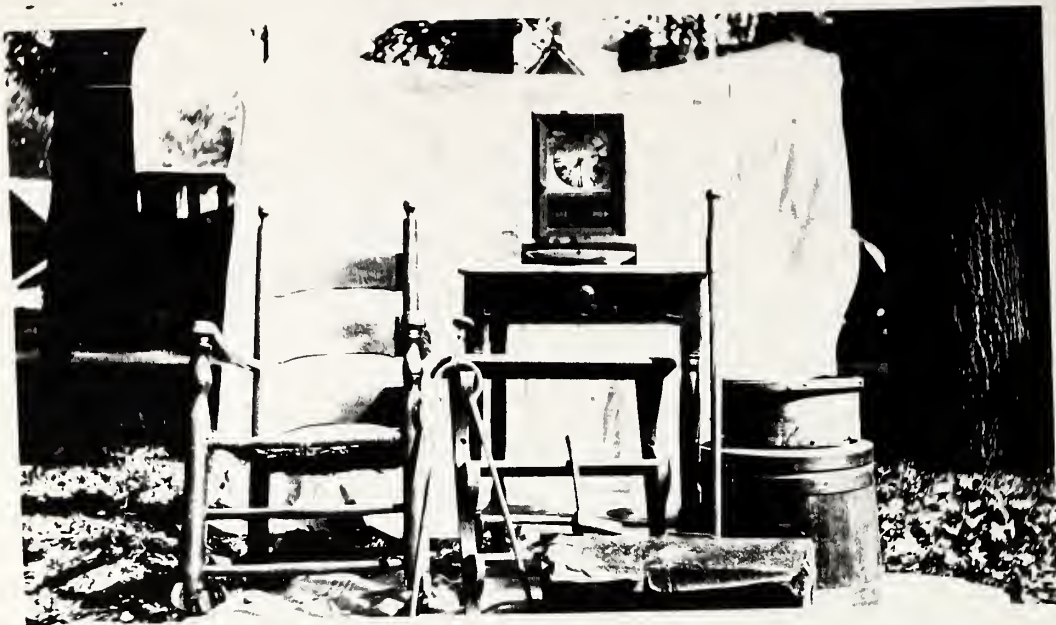
She has a CEDAR CANE whittled by Lincoln for Mr. Onstott when he had an attack of rheumatism.

The son T. G. Onstott and the grand daughter have had these mementoes ever since the death of Henry Onstott.

The son T. G. Onstott knew Lincoln as a child and man until Lincoln's death and has written a book of his personal knowledge of him.

Miss Sue Onstott is the only surviving hear of the Old Salem people.

These priceless mementoes are for sale to keep this old lady from coming to want in her old age.



original in safe

Museum Will Get Table, Silver Used by Lincoln

Will of Descendant of Emancipator's Law Partner Distributes Historical Gifts

A table and a silver service once used by Abraham Lincoln were earmarked for posterity under a will left by Mrs. Pearl M. Muir, which is to be offered for probate tomorrow in Superior Judge Kenneth Chantry's court.

Mrs. Muir, identifying herself as a grandniece of William H. Herndon, 25 years the martyred President's law partner, bequeathed the items to the Lincoln Memorial in the new museum at Old Salem State Park near Petersburg, Ill.

Book Included

The table was singled out as having been used in the Lincoln-Herndon law office at Springfield, Ill. The silver was put to use on the platform at Springfield during the Lincoln-Douglas debates. Mrs. Muir's bequest

to the museum also included a first edition of Herndon's "Life of Lincoln."

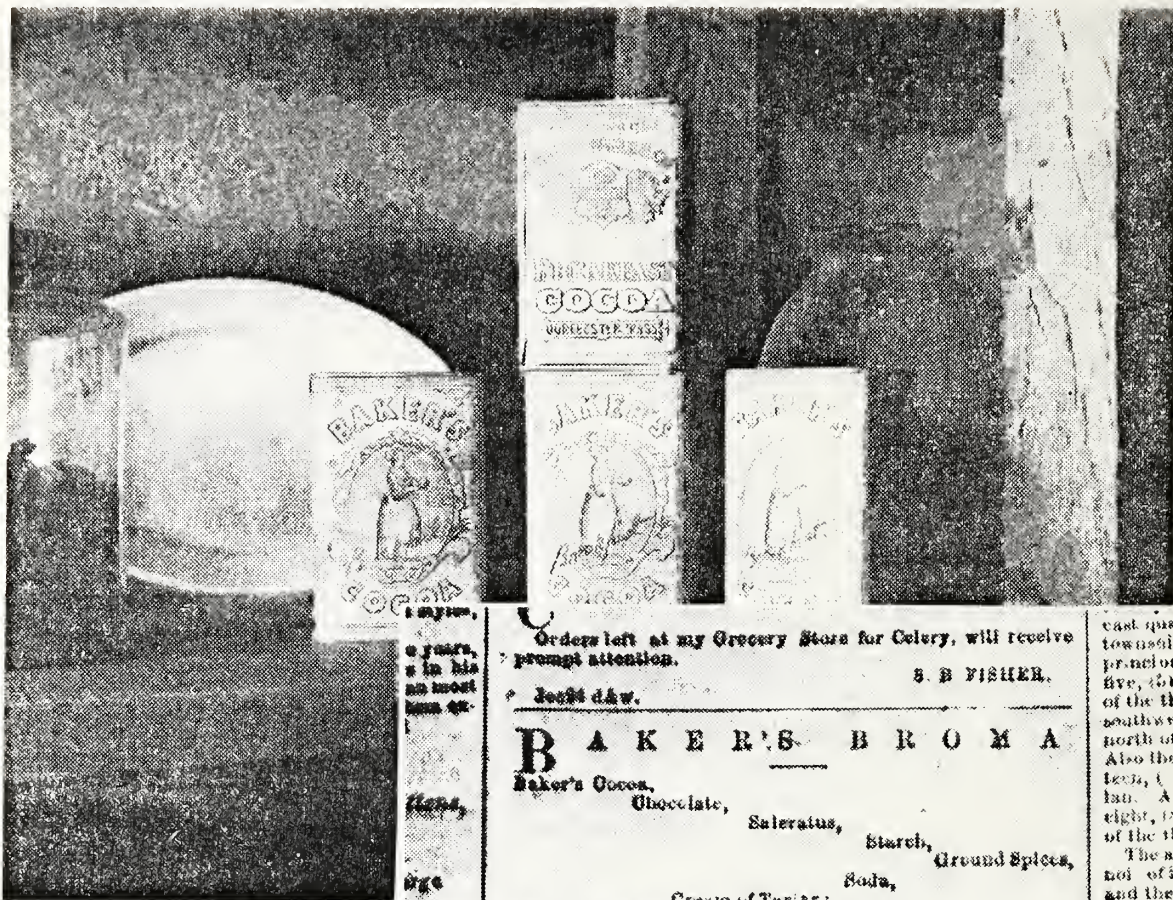
She named as executor Atty. James B. Irsfeld Jr., who said the items are now at Mrs. Muir's home, 1738 Whitley Ave., and were inherited by her from her father, Judge William F. Herndon, a nephew of the older Herndon.

From Mrs. Muir's \$62,918 estate, her 1940 will gave the Church of Christ, Hollywood, \$10,000, and the California Christian Home, San Gabriel, \$5,000. Remaining furnishings from her home also were divided between these two beneficiaries.

Other Bequests

The Los Angeles Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was left \$10,000 and the Los Angeles Orthopaedic Foundation, \$5,000. A 1953 codicil gave Mrs. Muir's husband, Franklin Muir, 80, her stock in State Street Investment Corp.

Except for other minor bequests, the remainder of the estate was bequeathed in equal shares to the church, the foundation and the Children's Hospital Society of Los Angeles. Mrs. Muir, 77, died last Christmas Day.



The only nationally advertised product still being sold in stores today that was also on the shelves of the Lincoln-Berry store at New Salem 100 years ago is Baker's chocolate. The Baker firm was founded in 1780 and still is going strong. In the top picture is shown the recently restored store at New Salem where Lincoln clerked. Below is a closeup of one

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Orders left at my Grocery Store for Celery, will receive prompt attention.

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S. B. FISHER.

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50 BOXES SUGAR RAISINS—40 HALF
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